Miss Ruth Stratton

1977 FFA Sweetheart

Miss Ruth Stratton, Senior at ACHS, was crowned 1977 FFA Sweetheart at the annual sweetheart dance Wednesday night. Ruth was escorted by FFA senior, Ronald Harvey.

Other sweetheart candidates were Gail Moore, Glenda Doss and Susan Smith. Over 250 ACHS students and their dates enjoyed "A Time To Remember", dancing to the great music of the Galaxy.

Jesse Thornhill, Revolutionary War Soldier

By Harriett A. Chilton
Charter Member,
Appomattox County Historical Society

Jesse Thornhill was born on October 13, 1763 near Tower Hill in Buckingham County, Virginia (now Appomattox County). He was the son of Thomas Thornhill. He had two brothers, William and Absolom, and two sisters, Betsy who married Richard North and Nancy, who married John Stevens.

Jesse married Elizabeth Stevens who was born in May 1766 and died on June 12, 1845. She was the daughter of Thomas Stevens (Stephens) whose will dated 1802 was recently discovered by one of his descendants. Her brother, John Stevens married Nancy Thornhill, Jesse's sister.

Jesse and Elizabeth Thornhill were the parents of eleven children: Thomas Tanner, Susannah, Elizabeth, Jemima, Lucy, William, Samuel, Joshua, Jesse, John and Polly. I am their great-great-great grandaughter and am descended from their oldest son, Thomas Tanner Thornhill of Tower Hill.

I found a Buckingham County Plat Book in the Virginia State Library in Richmond which survived the fire of 1869 that destroyed almost all the county records. A plat showing 696 acres of land originally surveyed in 1783 dividing land between Jesse and Absolom Thornhill, was resurveyed on August 25, 1796 by John Patteson. Assistant Surveyor of Buckingham County, to alter the dividing line. Another plat surveyed on May 12, 1791 shows 28 acres of land belonging to Jesse Thornhill which joined the lines of Helton, Horsley, Freeland and Kennon. This was also surveyed by John Patteson, Asst. to Henry Bell, Surveyor of Buckingham County.

In 1780, Jesse Thornhill, then 17 years of age, was drafted by the Virginia Militia to serve in the Revolutionary War. He marched to Portsmouth, Va., under the command of Captain Charles Patteson where the Militia served under General Peter Muhlenberg. He served his term of three months and a little over and then returned home.

In the fall of 1781 the Virginia Militia was called out en masse to help General George Washington defeat the British Army at Yorktown. Jesse Thornhill was drafted again in August or September 1781 and marched to Yorktown under the command of Capt. Mosley, Lt. John Jones and Ensign Thomas Saunders. His militia served with General LaFayette when he took the redoubt of the British during the night preceding the capture of Lord Cornwallis, one of the decisive battles in world history.

The day after the surrender of Cornwallis, a general review of the troops was made by the doctors, and those fit for duty were assigned the job of guarding the Bristish prisoners to their places of confinement in Fort Loudoun at Winchester, Va., or Fort Frederick, Md. Jesse Thornhill and his comrades from the Piedmont were among those assigned that duty. In his pension application Jesse stated that he "guarded the prisoners to Winchester, where he stayed until some few days after his time of three months had expired, being obliged to stay until relief came."

Jesse Thornhill's application for a pension for his Revolutionary War service is listed in Campbell County Order Book 20, Page 185 (August 1832). In his pension records in the National Archives in Washington (S-14679) he stated that George Diuguid and James Whitaker of Campbell County served with him. Also in the file is an oath signed by Robert Rogers of Buckingham County before William Walton, Justice of the Peace, stating that he served with Jesse.

In 1820 Jesse Thornhill moved to Campbell County and bought land on Beaver Creek near Concord. He died there on January 5, 1837 and was buried in the Thornhill Family Cemetery near his home with other members of his family.

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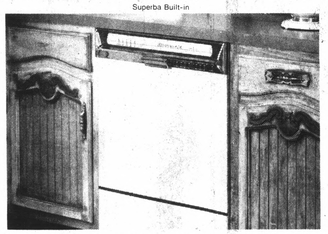

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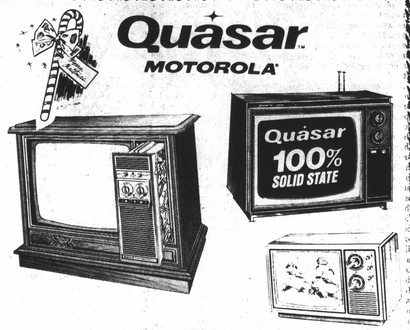

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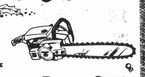
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Special Program at Mount Shiloh

A special program will be presented at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 8 p.m. The program is sponcored by the Men's Club of the church for the benefit of the widowers of the church. The progrm will be presented by three ministers: Revera C. L. Elliott, J. W. Paige, and R. A. McCray. Special music will be rendered by the Amature Singers of Amher: Va.

Plan have been completed for the annual Men's program of the Promise Land Baptist Church to be held on the second Sunday evening in December at 3 p.m. The Rev. J. W. Paige and his gospel men's chorus will render the music. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for the late Mr. Spencer Chambers last Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Mr. Chambers died in the Lynchburg Marshall Lodge Hospital on Nov. 20th at 12:50 p.m. after an extended illness. He leaves the following to mourn their loss: A wife, Mrs. Odell Walker Chambers, one daughter, Mrs. Viola Shaw of Reigal N. C. Six sons, Messers Eugene, Oliver, Lorenza, Monroe, Harry and Milton of Appomattox, four daughters in law son in law, six sisters: Mesdames Helen Ligon, Mary Ellen Walker, Mozella Jackson, Bernice Bailey, Rosa Mae Edwards, and Josephine Ferguson. Six brothers: Messers Williams, Robert, St., Joseph, Eddie, Fred, and Abrham. A father Mr. W. A. Chambers and a step mother Mrs. Mary Chambers; one aunt Mrs. FLossie Bowen of Wash. D. C. and a host of nephews and neices and other relatives. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing officiated and delivered the eulogy. The floral designs were large in number. Burial was held in the family plot at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Bland Reid Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

The Thanksgiving Day service was held at the Promise Land Baptist Church was enjoyed by all. After songs and prayers, the pastor delivered the inspiring message.

Regular preaching services was held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Beautiful music was rendered by ithe senior choir. The pastor delivered a special message on the theme "Say So". All present enjoyed the message. A special love offering was taken for the Virginia Lung Association.

The senior usher board of the Zion Baptist Church held its regular meeting last Sunday at 11 a.m. .ith the president Mrs. Alma Robertson presiding. All officers were presen A very helpful meeting was held.

The Thanksgiving service held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church was enjoyed by all who attended. The Rev. James Miller and his Gravel Hill choir rendered special service at the Zion Baptist Chuch last Sunday at 3 p.m. The message was enjoyed by all along with two beautiful solos rendered by Rev. Miller. The general public is invited to attend worship at Zion Baptist Church this sunday at 11 a.m. The pastor will bring the morning message. Mrs. Mazie Jackson and daughter of Washington D. C. were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hunter. The Rev. and Mrs. James Franklin and family of Bluefield W. Va. spent the Thanksgiving holiday here with their parents Deacon and Mrs. James Franklin. Mrs. Magnolia Franklin left this week to visit relatives in Philadelphia and in Ohio. Deacon Mack is still on the sick list. The local community extends sympathy to deacon and Mrs. Bernard Lawson in the loss of their uncle.

The members and friends are asked to attend regular preaching service at Galilee this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its regular meeting on Wednsaday Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Galilee Baptist CHurch. Please attend.

57 Farms Designated As Bicentennial Farms

Fifty-seven farms have been officially designated as Bicentennial Farms by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Owners of these farms were recognized at the 51st annual meeting of the VFBF at Roanoke today. The project carries the official approval of the Virginia Bicentennial Commission.

In a special ceremony the state's largest farm organization recognized farms which have been owned continuously by the same family for 200 years or more.

One Appomattox County farm, that owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Webb and John Walker Webb, owned by the same family since 1731, was one of the 57 Virginia farms designated as a Bicentennial farm.

The farm with the earliest family ownership dates back to 1665-311 years ago. It is owned by J. Henley Walker, Jr. of King and Queen County.

Two other farms can trace family ownership back more than 300 years. Owners of these farms are Mr. and Mrs. William R. Chelton, Jr. of Hanover County which dates back to 1670, and Mrs. William Brockenbrought Newton whose farm came in the family possession in 1672.

The Bicentennial Farm project will run through 1983, and Farm Bureau will continue to recognize certified farms at each of its state conventions.

The certification program is open to any farm in Virginia and verification by historical documents is needed to authenticate dates.

A farmowner who wishes to have official Bicentennial Farm designation may receive an application from the VFBF Office in Richmond.

A permanent record of Bicentennial Farms will be maintained by the VFBF.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Monday - Dec. 6 -Sausage, Apple Sauce, Green Peas, Roll, Butter, Milk, Cookies.

Tuesday - Dec. 7 - Bologna Sandwich, String Beans, Creamed Potatoes & gravy.

Wed. Dec. 8 - Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Cheese Squares, Roll, Butter, Milk, Pears or Plums

Thurs. Dec. 9 - Hamburger on Bun, Steamed Cabbage, Potato Puffs, Orange Sections, Milk.

Friday, Dec. 10 - Veg. or Tomato Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Ice Cream, Milk.

ECONOMISTS PREDICT CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT FOR VIRGINIA AND NATION

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Virginia's economic prospects because the state's output, population and income are exceeding even national growth rates, and the unemployment rate is lower.

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